

MINUTES
HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST BOARD
April 13, 2005 - 9:00 A.M.
Room 428 - Fourth Floor - Heber Wells Bldg.
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED: 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:50 A.M.

PRESENT:

Clyde Ormond, Bureau Manager
Marty Simon, Board Secretary
Darlene Congrove, Assistant Board Secretary
Board Members:
Bruce Sharp Paul Littlefield
Dana Walker Kent Milligan

EXCUSED:

Lowell Brown

GUESTS:

Robert Heygster, President, Hearing Healthcare Providers of Utah; Keily Ball; Craig Jackson, Division Director; Mark Bishop, Hearing Instrument Specialist

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Minutes

The minutes of the January 12, 2005 board meeting were approved as written.

APPOINTMENTS:

9:15 A.M. – David Midgley
Hearing Instrument Intern

Mr. Midgley met with the Board to review his application for licensure as a hearing instrument intern. Mr. Midgley reported that he has been working in the healthcare field for 20 years. Mr. Sharp informed him that he must keep a daily record of his hours that should be signed weekly. Documentation included in the application verified the passing score for the Utah Hearing Instrument Specialist Law exam taken on March 15, 2005. Ronda J. Jones will be his supervisor, and she has no other interns at the present time. A motion was made by Mr. Littlefield and seconded by Ms. Walker to approve him for licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

9:30 A.M. – Gregory LeRoy
Hearing Instrument Intern

Gregory LeRoy (Cont)

Mr. LeRoy met with the Board to review his application for licensure as a hearing instrument intern. Documentation included in the application verified the passing score for the Utah Hearing Instrument Specialist Law exam taken on January 3, 2005. Mr. Ormond expressed concern that the proposed supervisor, Molley LeRoy, is his wife. After careful consideration by the Board, Molley LeRoy was approved to be his supervisor. Also, she has no other interns at the present time. Mr. Sharp informed him that he must keep a daily record of his hours that should be signed weekly. A motion was made by Mr. Milligan and seconded by Ms. Walker to approve him for licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

9:45 A.M. – Martin Beyler
Hearing Instrument Intern

Mr. Beyler met with the Board to review his application for licensure as a hearing instrument intern. Documentation included in the application verified the passing score for the Utah Hearing Instrument Specialist Law exam taken on March 18, 2005.

Mr. Ormond expressed concern that the proposed supervisor, Douglas Alan Dunker, was licensed by Endorsement on October 15, 2004. Mr. Heygster reported that he is very competent as he has worked with him. After careful consideration by the Board, Mr. Dunker was approved to be his supervisor contingent upon substantiation of two years experience as a Hearing Instrument Specialist. Also, he has no other interns at the present time. Mr. Sharp informed him that he must keep a daily record of his hours that should be signed weekly. A motion was made by Mr. Littlefield and seconded by Mr. Milligan to approve him for licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

Later, "Verification of Licensure" from the State of Washington and Minnesota Health Department were submitted for Mr. Dunker. Mr. Beyler's intern license was then issued.

10:00 A.M. – David Harris
Telephone Probation Interview

Mr. Harris met with the Board via a telephone probation interview. Documentation has been submitted that he passed the Utah Hearing Instrument Law exam on November 12, 2004. He stated that he is working in the industry, and no key changes have occurred since his interview with the Board on January 12, 2005. The Board determined that he is in compliance with his Stipulation and Order that commenced on June 29, 2004. Mr. Harris was scheduled for a telephone interview at 10:00 A.M. on July 13, 2005, at 435-674-4938.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Daniel Finlay's Continuing Education

Mr. Sharp inquired about the status of the continuing education (CE) for Mr. Finlay. Mr. Ormond stated that we have do not have any additional information regarding the status of his CE's. In addition, Mr. Ormond reported that Mr. Fullmer is an intern for DeVilbiss so that Mr. Finlay is not supervising any interns at the present time. Mr. Finlay is scheduled to meet with the Board on July 13, 2005, regarding his Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Lowell Brown's comparison of NBC-HIS
& ILE Study Guide Questions

The Board reviewed the comparison that Mr. Brown submitted.

International Hearing Society memo re: ILE exam

Mr. Sharp reported on the International Licensing Exam (ILE) and the National Board for Certification in Hearing Sciences (NBCHIS) Exam in which he presented to the Board the "International Licensing Examination (ILE) for the Hearing Instrument Dispenser Technical Manual" that was submitted by Phyllis V. Wilson in the Education Department. Mr. Sharp stated that there are many finite issues regarding the two exams.

Mr. Ormond inquired about the "pool of questions" on the two exams, and the appearance of "gate keeping." Mr. Ormond reported that if the exams are redundant of each other then it is creating an extra cost to the public. Mr. Ormond asked what the Division would say to the legislative auditors if they should ask why we have two exams that are so similar. Also, Mr. Ormond stated that if an applicant does not pass the ILE or the NBCHIS Exam this could generate a legal dilemma.

Mr. Sharp plans to be present at the Bi-Yearly Conference with the Board of Governors and the International Hearing Society. Mr. Sharp will submit information to the Board that will give evidence of the differentiation in the questions on the two exams at the next Board meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Testing for Competency

Mr. Ormond reported that according to the Attorney General if a person reinstates for licensure within five years the Division may have to test for competency. Also, he stated that testing may be required after two years regarding competency. Mr. Ormond suggested that relevant testing could be accomplished on an annual basis with different levels of applicable testing. Also, he discussed the inactive licensure, restricted license, and surrender of license.

Testing for Competency (Cont)

Raters for the Practical Examination

The Board reviewed and discussed the fee paid to the Raters for the Practical Exam. The current fee paid is \$80 for three hours. Mr. Littlefield recommended that the fee should be \$200 for three hours because it needs to be a suitable fee for the Hearing Instrument Specialist because of a loss of income. In addition, the travel time involved adds an additional hour for a total of four hours to administer the Practical Examination. Also, Mr. Heygster reported that the Hearing Instrument Specialist is paid on a commission basis.

Mr. Ormond expressed concern regarding the time and loss of income incurred for the Hearing Instrument Specialist. The Board discussed the appropriate fee to charge for the examination and whether it would be an adversity for the intern. After careful consideration, the Board recommended that the Division get in touch with Thomson Prometric to pursue approving the \$200 fee for the Raters administering the Practical Examination.

Continuing Education (CE)
Fax Copies

Mr. Ormond discussed utilizing fax copies for Continuing Education (CE) as defined in Subsection R156-46a-304(3) that states: "As verification of contact hours earned, the Division will accept copies of transcripts or certificates of completion from continuing education courses approved by ASHA or IHS." After careful consideration, the Board agreed that fax copies are adequate substantiation for the CE requirement.

"Completion of Direct Supervision" form

Mr. Ormond presented the "Completion of Direct Supervision" form. After careful consideration, the board recommended the following revisions: First, there is an inaccuracy in the numbering. There are two number 3's, correct the second number 3 and replace it with a number 4. Then continue the correction of the numbering throughout the remainder of the form. Insert a "Not" option and add space to explain that includes two lines (see number 4 for format style). The next change is on question number 6. Following "Yes" affix the word "Comments" and after that add three additional lines for the comments. The final change to be completed is also on question number 6. Leave no more than leave one line to "explain" and delete the last two lines.

"Completion of Direct Supervision" form

NEXT MEETING:

July 13, 2005

DATE APPROVED

CHAIRPERSON, HEARING INSTRUMENT
SPECIALIST BOARD

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BUREAU MANAGER, DIVISION OF
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